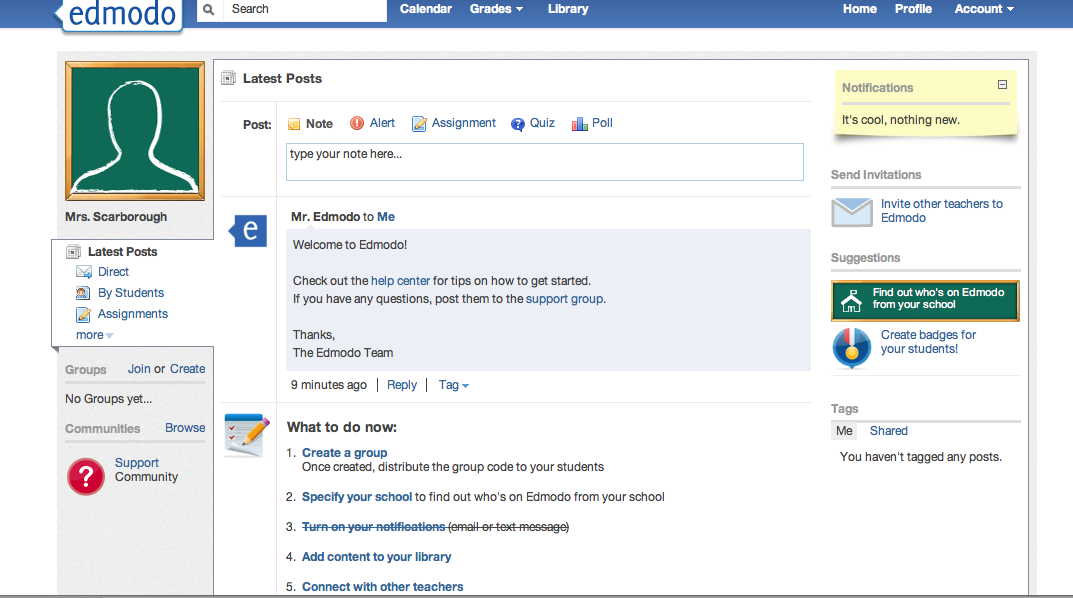
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**“Best Practices” for Online Discussion Forums**

**Essential Questions:**

Is there an educational benefit[s] to participating in an online discussion forum?

How can an online discussion forum encourage more students to participate in the discussion about the learned material compared to the classroom alone?

What are the rules for posting comments and/or responses on a school-related online discussion forum?

**Objectives:**

Explain what an online discussion forum is and its purpose.

Describe best practices for participating in a school related online discussion forum.

**I. Activator:**View a Video about Online Discussion Forums

**Video:**

[**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg3y2A9pdtI**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg3y2A9pdtI)

**II. Class Activity:**  Think [own], Pair [partner], Share [Edmodo]

Think about how you would answer these questions:

1. Based on the video, what is an online discussion forum?

2. Is there educational value in using an online discussion forum for school-related content? Be sure to explain your response.

3. In what way[s] does an online discussion forum encourage a broader participation among all students in the class?

4. If you could identify [5] rules to follow when participating in a school-related online discussion forum, what would they be?

**III. Summarizer:** Group discussion.

**IV. Homework:** Link your GoogleDocs account to your Edmodo account [can be found under “**library**”] in your Edmodo account and set up an account w/ [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)